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arguments for and against both plans, but probably the majority of hospitals feel that they cannot afford, with the present shortage of applicants, to keep them entirely in the class room during the probation period.

At any rate the ideas regarding training schools are rapidly changing and before the next five years have passed we may have educated the public and the governing boards of hospitals into realizing that a training school for nurses is really a school with certain educational standards and duties and is not merely a means for taking care of patients. If the day ever comes, possibly some of our present problems may solve themselves.

CAMPAIGN TO PREVENT BLINDNESS

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Rhode Island: A special effort to lessen the number of cases of infant ophthalmia in Providence, R. I., is being made by Superintendent of Health, Dr. Charles V. Chapin and hereafter physicians and midwives who fail to report cases of the disease which comes under their observation will be held accountable by the health department. In his letter to physicians, stating that ophthalmia neonatorum is a notifiable disease, Dr. Chapin requests every case in which "one or both eyes of an infant are noticed to be inflamed or with a swelling or reddening of the lids and an unnatural discharge, or reddened at any time within two weeks after its birth" to be reported immediately to the Health Department. The Providence Department of Health sends a nurse to visit every case attended by a midwife immediately upon receipt of the birth certificate. This is, of course, an important measure in the prevention of blindness from babies' sore eyes, as the nurse learns herself whether or nor there is any inflammation. The effects of this visiting are, however, confined to midwife cases alone.

Wisconsin: Plans are now being made by the Committee for the Prevention of Blindness of the Wisconsin Association for the Blind which will result in a state-wide educational campaign beginning shortly after the first of the year, which it is hoped will promote wide-spread interest in the preventive work.